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ROLL OF SYNOD, JUNE 6, 1854.

☞ *The figures mark the number of Sederunts at which Members were present.*

I. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
10 James Skinner	10 Alexander Smith	Bethel	London.
	William Wood	Eng. Settlement.	"
2 J.J.A.Proudfoot, *Clk*	—— Crombie	London	"
John Logie	William Elder	Warrensville	Hay.
	James Shaw	Bayfield	"
		Brucefield	"
7 John Fraser	James McFarlane	Chatham	Chatham.
	Thomas Smith	Tilbury	
10 William Cavan	Duncan McVannel	Blanshard	St. Mary's.
	John Thomson	Downie	"
10 William Deas	James Thomson	Adelaide	Wisbeach.
	John Williamson	Warwick	"
10 Matthew Barr	John Gouinlock	McKillop	McKillop.
James A. Devine, A.M.	—— Stirling	Goderich	Goderich.
		Detroit	Detroit, Mich.
		Ingersoll	Ingersoll.
		Harwich	Rushton.

II. PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO'.

10 Thomas Christie	10 William Henderson	Flamboro'	West Flamboro'.
10 Andrew Ferrie, D. D.	Edward Rutherford	Caledonia	Seneca.
Alexander Ritchie		West Dumfries	Ayr.
10 John Porteous	Andrew McKnight	Beverly	Kirkwall.
10 John Hogg, *Clk*	10 Malcolm Laughton	Hamilton	Hamilton.
10 William M. Christie	10 James Walker	Chippawa	Chippawa.
	9 Robert Christie	St. George	St. George.
	George Duggan	St. Catharines	St. Catharines.
		Thorold	
		Dunnville & Eastern Seneca	
	10 James [illegible]	Ancaster East &	
		Ancaster West.	

III. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

10 John Taylor, M. D.	Alexander Gemmel	2nd Toronto	Toronto.
10 William Fraser	7 John Cerswell	W. Gwillimbury	Bondhead.
		Tecumseth	"
		Essa	"
10 Jennings	William Turnbull	1st Toronto	Toronto.
10 James Dick, *Clk*	John Hamilton	Richmond Hill	Richmond Hill.
10 David Coutts	Andrew Buckham	Chinguacousy I	Brampton.
		" II	
10 James Pringle	James Hunter	Tor. Township & Brampton	Brampton.
	Andrew Riddell	Vaughan	Humber.
	James Goodfellow	Albion	Albion.
		Pickering	Dunbarton.

III. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—(*Continued.*)

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICE.
.....		.....	Caledon	Caledon.
.....		.....	Dunbarton and Canton.....	Dunbarton.

IV. PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

10	William Taylor, D. D.	Warden King.....	Montreal.....	Montreal.....
	Alex. Lowden, *Clk*....	John Morrison.....	New Glasgow....	New Glasgow....
10	John Morrison.....	Thomas Rutherford....	Madrid	Waddingt'n, N.Y.
	Walter Scott.....	John McOuat.....	Lachute..	Lachute.....
	Alexander C. Stuart...	.....	Hemmingford....	Hemmingford.....

V. PRESBYTERY OF LANARK.

10	William Aitken.....	Adam Foster.....	Smith's Falls.....	Smith's Falls.
	Alex. Henderson, *Clk*..	Richard Davy.....	Pakenham.....	Fitzroy Harbor.
	.....	.....	Torbolton & Fitzroy Harbor.	Fitzroy Harbor.

VI. PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.

9	R. H. Thornton, *Clk*..	10 Alexander Burnet.....	Whitby	Oshawa.
4	John Cassie.....	.....	Port Hope.....	Port Hope.
	George Lawrence.....	Herbert Renwick.....	Clarke	Newcastle.
	John Ewing.....	William Hunter.....	Emily	Emily.
	.....	.....	Manvers	"
	.....	.....	Ops.....	"
7	John Scott.....	.....	Earnesttown...	Bath.
	.....	.....	Fredericksburgh	"
	Gilbert Tweedie.....	.....	Lindsay	Lindsay.
	.....	.....	Verulam.....	"
	.....	.....	Mariposa	"
	.....	4 Thomas Ormiston.....	Darlington.....	Darlington.
	.....	4 William Mitchell.....	Newton	Clarke.
	.....	Robert Hogarth.....	Newcastle	Newcastle.
	.....	.....	Amherst Island...	Amherst Island.
	.....	.....	Oakhills.....	

VII. PRESBYTERY OF WELLINGTON.

10	Robert Torrance, *Clk*.	9 James Armstrong.....	Guelph.....	Guelph.
10	William Barrie.....	10 Thomas Armstrong...	Eramosa	"
10	John Duff.....	9 John Keith.....	Elora	Elora.
	.....	.....	Esquesing	Milton.
	.....	.....	Brant	Brant.
	.....	.....	Lake Shore.....	Leith.
	.....	.....	Sydenham	Owen Sound.
	.....	.....	Sable River.....	Holland.
	.....	.....	Euphrasia	Euphrasia.

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF BRANT.

10	David Caw.....	Malcolm Folsitter.....	Paris	Paris.
	George Murray.....	.....	Blenheim	Princeton.
	.....	.....	Burford	"
	.....	.....	Woodstock	"
	Alex. Drummond, *Clk*.	5 Daniel McNaughton...	Brantford.....	Brantford.
10	Robert Rodgers.....	John McKie.....	Norwich	Norwich.
9	John Dunbar.....	9 James Smith.....	Glenmorris	Glenmorris
9	Patrick Greig.....	Thomas Eadie.....	Mount Pleasant..	Mohawk.
	.....	.....	Blandford	Chesterfield.

Official Members of Synod and Committees,

FOR 1854.

The Rev. JAMES DICK, Moderator.

The Rev. WILLIAM FRASER, Synod Clerk.

The Rev. JOHN TAYLOR, M.D., Professor of Theology.

The Rev. ROBERT TORRANCE, Convener of Committee on Missions.

The Rev. JOHN TAYLOR, M.D., Convener of Com. on Theological Education.

The Rev. JAMES DICK, Convener of Com. for Distribution of Preachers.

The Rev. JOHN TAYLOR, M.D., Convener of Committee on Union.

The Rev. ANDREW FERRIER, D.D., Convener of Committee on Increase of Salaries.

Stated Collections ordered by the Synod.

1. MISSION FUND—Collection to be made in January.
2. SYNOD FUND—Collection to be made in April.
3. THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FUND—Collection to be made in October.

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I. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, TUESDAY,
June 6, 1854, 7 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, met, and, after sermon by the Rev. William Barrie, the Moderator, from Eph. i. 22, 23, and Col. i. 18, first clause, was constituted.

Report Presbytery of London.

The Presbytery of London reported that they had ordained Mr. William Deas to the office of the Ministry, and to the pastoral charge of the United Presbyterian Congregations of Adelaide and Warwick, on the 7th of September, 1853; that they had ordained Mr. Matthew Barr over the Congregation of McKillop, on the 14th February, 1854; that they had ordained Mr. James A. Devine over the Congregation in Goderich, on the 10th of May, 1854; and that they had accepted the Rev. Mr. McLellan's demission of the charge of the Congregation in Detroit, on the 10th of May, 1854.

ReportFlamboro' Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Flamboro' reported that on the 6th of June, 1854, they had dissolved the pastoral connexion between the Rev. J. F. A. S. Fayette, and the Congregation of Ancaster West; that they also, on the same day, had dissolved the pastoral connexion between the Rev. John McClure, and the Congregation of St. Catherines; and that, on the same day, they had united the Congregations of Ancaster East and Ancaster West into one pastoral charge.

Report of Toronto Presbytery

The Presbytery of Toronto reported that they had organized the Second United Presbyterian Congregation in Toronto on the 23rd of June last; that they had inducted the Rev. John Taylor to the pastoral charge of the said Second United Presbyterian Congregation on the 23rd of November; that they had received the Rev. William Dickson's demission of the pastoral charge of the United Presbyterian Congregations of Albion and Vaughan, on the 7th of February, 1854; that they had also received the Rev. Thomas Dickson's demission of the pastoral charge of the United Presbyterian Congregation of Caledon, on the 9th of May, 1854; and that the names of the Rev. William Dickson and of the Rev. Thomas Dickson had been taken from the Roll of Presbytery; and lastly, that on the 9th of May last they had organized the Congregations of Dunbarton and Canton.

CanadaEastPresbytery Report.

The Presbytery of Canada East reported that since last meeting of Synod they had inducted the Rev. Alexander Stuart into the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Hemmingford; and that they had accepted the Rev. Peter D. Muir's demission of the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Huntingdon.

Durham Presbytery Report.

The Presbytery of Durham reported that on the 29th of June last they had ordained Mr. John Scott to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Ernesttown and Fredrickburgh; that on the 14th of July they had ordained Mr. Gilbert Tweedie to the pastoral charge of the Congregations of Lindsay, Verulam, and Mariposa; and that on the 4th of April they had accepted the Rev. Alexander Kennedy's demission of the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Darlington; and that the name of Mr. Kennedy had been taken from the Roll of Presbytery.

Roll completed.

The Roll of Synod was now compiled from the Rolls furnished by the Clerks of the several Presbyteries, and being completed, was called and marked.

Moderator chosen.

Proceeded to make choice of a Moderator, when the Rev. Professor Taylor was proposed by Mr. Skinner, seconded by Dr. Ferrier.

The Rev. James Dick was nominated by the Rev. John Fraser, seconded by Mr. Thornton.

The Rev. John Morrison was proposed by Mr. Aitken, seconded by Dr. William Taylor.

Rev. Mr. Dick, Moderator.

On the vote being taken, Professor Taylor was elected by a majority, but he respectfully declined the appointment, and thereupon another vote was taken, when the Rev. James Dick was chosen Moderator, and took the chair and addressed the Synod

Unfinished business.

The Clerk then presented lists of the business left over unfinished from last year, and also of Reports to be made by Committees and Presbyteries.

Bills and Overtures Committee of.

Appointed the Clerks of the several Presbyteries to be a Committee of Bills and Overtures. Mr. Torrance, Convener. The Committee to meet immediately after the adjournment this evening, and to report at the first Sederunt to-morrow.

Messrs. Skinner and Barr were appointed to conduct the devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

Adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Closed with the benediction.

II. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, WEDNESDAY,
June 7, 1854, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. James Dick, Moderator.

Devotional exercises.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Messrs. Barr and Skinner.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of the former Sederunt were read and approved.

Lists unfinished business, read.

The list of business left unfinished from last year was now read, and permission was granted to withdraw certain Petitions for supplement mentioned in that list. Read also the list of reports to be given in by Committees, appointed at the meeting last year, and by Presbyteries.

Minutes of Presbyteries, Committees on.

The following Committees were appointed to examine the minutes of Presbyteries, namely:—Of

London	Dr. William Taylor and Mr. Morrison.
Flamboro'	Messrs. Skinner and John Fraser.
Toronto	" Caw and Rodgers.
Canada East	" Aitken and Thornton.
Lanark	" Coutts and Hogg.
Durham	" Pringle and Dunbar.
Wellington	" Cavan and Wm. M. Christie.
Brant	" Duff and Barrie.

Reports to be given in at the first Sederunt on Friday.

Accounts, Committee on.

The Rev. Messrs. Jennings and Barrie, and Thos. Armstrong, Esq., were appointed to examine the accounts of the Synod's Treasurers. To report on Thursday at the evening Sederunt.

Reports of Presbyteries, when to be made.

Ordered—That the Reports of Presbyteries, 1, On Missionary Labour of Ministers of Supplemented Congregations; 2, On the Inspection of Students of Theology; 3, On the Report of the Committee on Supplement to Congregations whose Ministers are Superintendents of Schools, be given in at the second Sederunt on Thursday.

Reports on Theological Education and distribution of Preachers.

Ordered—That the Committee on Theological Education, and also the Committee for the Distribution of Preachers, give in their Reports at the first Sederunt on Friday.

Report of Committee of Bills & Overtures.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures gave in their report, which was read and received.

Report re-committed.

The Report was reforred back to the Committee, together with the papers handed in as remaining over from last year, and they were instructed to retire immediately to consider as to the order in which those papers should be brought up, and to report as soon as possible.

Rev. Robert Monteath received.

Read testimonials from the Presbytery of Kelso of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, and from the Secretary of the Board of Missions, Edinburgh, to the Rev. Robert Monteath, formerly of Greenlaw. Those testimonials were highly satisfactory.

On motion Mr. Monteath was unanimously and cordially welcomed as a Minister of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Bills and Overtures, Report of Committee.

The Committe of Bills and Overtures again brought up their Report, which is as follows:—

The Committe of Bills and Overtures beg leave to recommend that the papers which have been sent in to them, and which they now lay upon the Synod's table be taken up in the following order:

1. An Overture for a Committee of the whole house on the state of religion in our congregations, marked No. X. in last year's report.
2. Papers anent union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.
3. Overture of Professor Taylor, respecting Missionaries from Scotland not sent out by the Board of Missions.
4. Application by the Rev. Martin W. Livingstone, to be received as a probationer.
5. Representation and Overture regarding the existing law of Synod on the allotment of preachers.
6. Overture by the Presbytery of Wellington anent the settlement of Probationers.
7. Overture anent Ministerial Support.
8. Representation and Petition of Mr. Thornton.
9. Overture from the Presbytery of Wellington anent Synod and Presbytery Funds.
10. Mr. Coutts' complaint against Mr. Jennings.
11. Mr. Jennings' complaint against Mr. Coutts.

12. Overture on Trials for Ordination—marked IX. in last year's report.
13. Overture on the Eldership.
14. Overture anent the Payment of Preachers—marked XII. in last year's report.

Resolved—To recommend that the papers marked "Words" be laid aside.

The Report and recommendations of the Committee, as above, were unanimously adopted. Report adopted

Invited to correspond.

The Rev. Messrs. Monteath, McClure, and Fayette, were invited to take their seats in Synod during this meeting.

Committee of the whole.

Took up the Overture for a Committee of the whole House, on the state of Religion in our congregations: whereupon the Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the whole—Mr. Caw in the chair.

Committee of the whole, rose to sit again.

After sitting some time, the Committee of the whole rose. The Moderator took the chair. The Chairman of the Committee of the whole reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, at the mid-day Sederunt to-morrow. Leave was granted.

Union, Overtures and Petitions on.

Read Overtures from the Presbytery of Brant, and from the congregation of Hamilton, recommending that the Synod should take such steps as may seem right and expedient, towards attaining a union between the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada. Read also petitions from the Sessions and Congregations of Bethel, English Settlement, Warrensville and Bayfield, praying the Synod to take the same subject into their serious consideration.

The hour of noon having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet at Two o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

III. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, WEDNESDAY,
June 7, 1854, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Dick, Moderator.

The Roll was called and marked, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read, and being corrected, were sustained.

Union, consideration of.

Entered upon the consideration of the question of union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, brought under the notice of Synod by the papers, read at the end of the last Sederunt.

Motions on.

It was moved by Professor Taylor, and seconded by Dr. William Taylor:—

That the Synod agree to appoint a small Committee to draft a Minute, expressive of the sense of the Court, on this interesting and important subject, to be presented at the first Sederunt to-morrow.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Torrance, seconded by Mr. Rodgers:—

That this Synod express their hearty concurrence with the subject and tenor of these petitions, and desire to record the fact that, they do not give such prominence to their distinctive principles as to prevent a union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and appoint a Committee to meet with any Committee that may be appointed by them, to consider the propriety of said Union.

The amendment of Mr. Torrance being first put, was lost, when the motion of Professor Taylor being put to vote, was carried by a large majority, and the Synod resolved in terms of the motion.

Union, Committee to draft minute on, appointed.

The Moderator then appointed the Rev. Professor Taylor, Dr. William Taylor, Mr. Aitken, and Mr. Cavan, Ministers, together with Messrs. Thomas Armstrong, Alexander Smith, and John Keith, Elders, a Committee to draft a Minute on this subject. Report to be given in at first Sederunt to-morrow. Professor Taylor, Convener.

Reception of U. P. Ministers not from Mission Board.

Entered upon the consideration of an Overture from Dr. John Taylor, as to the reception of Ministers and Preachers, of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, coming to Canada without the sanction of the Mission Board.

Reception of U. P. Ministers, Resolution on.

On motion of Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Aitken, it was Resolved:—

That Presbyteries, Presbytery Clerks, and Ministers, be enjoined, in all cases, to give no appointments to any preacher or Minister coming from the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, not through the Mission Board, till all necessary documents be produced, and approved, and said Minister or Preacher be fully recognized by a Presbytery, or by the Synod, as the case may be, but that in all other respects, the present law, for the reception of Preachers, remain intact.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with the benediction.

IV. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, WEDNESDAY,
June 7, 1854, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Dick, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

2nd U. P. Congregation of Toronto, Elder from.

An extract from the Minutes of the Session of the Second United Presbyterian Congregation of Toronto was handed in, certifying that on the 5th instant, they had appointed Mr. Alexander Gemmell, Synod Elder, instead of the Rev. Charles Fletcher.

Name of Elder entered in Roll, not to be a precedent.

It was agreed that the name of Mr. Gemmell be substituted, in the Synod Roll, for that of Mr. Fletcher, but that this action shall not be held as a precedent.

Rev. Martin W. Livingstone, reception of.

Read an application from the Rev. Martin W. Livingstone, formerly of Mill Hill, Musselburgh, Scotland, to be received as a Minister of the Church under the inspection of this Synod.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Livingstone be, and he is hereby received as a Minister of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Distribution of Preachers, question on.

Took up a representation and petition from the Rev. Mr. Thornton, as to the allotment of Preachers to the different Presbyteries in proportion to their vacancies, setting forth the inconveniences and evils of the mode at present in use, for the distribution of Preachers, and making certain suggestions as to the remedy of those evils.

Resolutions on.

On motion, the suggestions of Mr. Thornton's petition were unanimously adopted to the following effect:—

1. That discretionary power be granted to the respective Presbyteries to judge what extent of mission field, or how many preaching stations ought to be regarded as of equal importance with one organized, or congregated place.

2. That as an encouragement and aid in the advancement of the cause, in the respective Presbyteries, there be submitted to the Mission Committee, annually, a special account of missionary operations and results, in all cases where Presbyteries are so engaged; and that this account is not to be considered as given merely by the usual Statistical Reports.

Probationers, settlement of, Overture on.

Entered upon the consideration of an Overture from the Presbytery of Wellington anent the settlement of Probationers.

Overture adopted.

The Overture was unanimously adopted, as the law of this Synod, in this matter, and is of the purport following:—

Overture as adopted.

Inasmuch as it is the duty of the Church to consider the interests of vacancies belonging to it, as well as of congregations which enjoy the services of a settled pastor; and inasmuch as considerable disappointment and injury have been caused, and are in danger of being continued by the present understanding that Presbyteries can claim the entire services of a Probationer, from the time that he has accepted a call from a congregation within their bounds: this Synod resolve and ordain, that no Minister or Preacher, be allowed to decline the appointments he has on hand from the Committee of Distribution, at the date of his accepting a Call, and that no Presbytery proceed to the settlement of such Minis-

ter or Preacher, till said appointments have been fulfilled. And further, that the Committee of Distribution be instructed not to extend their appointments beyond a period of three months.

Ministerial support, Overture on.

Took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Flamboro', respecting the better support of Ministers of the Gospel, recommending the Synod to take the matter into their serious consideration, with a view to the adoption of immediate steps to increase the incomes of Ministers, so as to enable them to maintain that position in society which is expected from their sacred calling.

After reasoning for a considerable time, the hour of nine o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned, to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

V. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, THURSDAY,
June 8, 1854, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Dick, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Union, Report on.

Called for the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Overtures and petitions on the subject of Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

A set of Resolutions, for the adoption of Synod, was reported by Professor Taylor, the Convener.

The several clauses of the Report were considered *seriatim*, and being severally adopted, the Report was then unanimously adopted, as a whole, and is of the following tenor :—

Resolved, 1. That the Synod agrees to express its cordial approbation of the spirit and object of these papers; and to declare its full conviction, that the visible and manifested union of all real Christians in their religious institutions and observances, is a matter of such vast importance, that almost every sacrifice, not inconsistent with principle, ought to be made for the attainment of it.

2. That there are, in the judgment of the Synod, no sufficient reasons for this Church and the Presbyterian Church of Canada, continuing in a state of separation; and that many great and obvious advantages might be expected, under the divine blessing, to result from their heartily uniting on sound and Scriptural principles.

3. That the Synod recollects, with satisfaction, that it formerly took some steps towards the realization of the union in question; and that though the issue was then unsuccessful, the Synod is still ready to concur in any reasonable and prudent measures that may be, at any time, proposed for the accomplishment of so desirable and important an object.

4. That, considering how much unhappy and mischievous division among Evangelical Presbyterians has been occasioned by the question respecting the power of the Civil Magistrate in matters of religion, or, in plainer terms, by the question of Ecclesiastical Establishments, the Synod takes the present opportunity of stating that the principle of this Church, in regard to that question, has always been, that it shall be matter of forbearance; and the Synod has great pleasure in reflecting that, while the principle seems just and sound in itself, it has this special excellence, that it presents a basis on which persons differing widely in their views respecting Establishments, may, nevertheless, conscientiously and honorably unite, provided none of them regard these views as of such vital and momentous importance, as to demand that they be made a term of Christian or Ministerial communion.

5. That the Synod hold out every encouragement to the congregations, Sessions and Presbyteries, under its inspection, to give expression to their sentiments on this most interesting and important matter, and exhort them earnestly to pray God that, under his blessing, the whole may terminate in what shall conduce most to the advancement of His glory, and the peace and prosperity of His Church; the Synod at the same time declaring that it will eagerly embrace the earliest opportunity that may seem to present itself, for giving practical effect to the reasonable, Scriptural and pious wishes of the people under its charge.

Copy to be sent to Moderator of Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Ordered—That an authenticated copy of these Resolutions be sent to the Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, about to meet in Toronto, next week.

Union, Committee appointed.

It was further resolved, on motion of Mr. Caw, seconded by Mr. Skinner :—

That a Committee be appointed, as a Standing Committee of Union, consisting of Ministers and Elders, to confer with any Committee from the Presbyterian Church of Canada, or from any other Evangelical denomination on this subject.

The following were then appointed a Standing Committee of Union, in terms of the foregoing Resolution, viz.:—The Rev. Thomas Christie, Professor Taylor, Dr. William Taylor, and Rev. Messrs. Jennings, Thornton and Skinner, Ministers, together with Messrs. Thomas Armstrong, Robert Christie, Alexander Smith, James Young, and Alexander Burnet, Elders. Professor Taylor to be Convener.

Union Resolutions to be published.

Instructed the Clerk to have the Resolutions on Union given to the public through the press.

Ministerial support, consideration of resumed.

Resumed the consideration of the question of Ministerial support, interrupted by the adjournment last night.

Resolution on.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved—That a Committee of Synod be appointed to draw up an Address, expressive of the views of the Synod, respecting the justice and necessity of increased Ministerial support, and that the Presbyteries see to it that the Address be read from the pulpits of the congregations in their bounds, and to take such measures as they judge best, in order that its provisions be carried out.

Committee to draw up Address on.

Appointed the Rev. Dr. Ferrier, the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Christie and Hogg, together with Messrs. Christie and Henderson,

Elders, a Committee, in terms of the above Resolution, to draw up an Address to the congregations, respecting increased Ministerial support.

French Canadian Missionary Society, thanks from, and collections, for recommended.

Dr. William Taylor gave to the Synod the cordial thanks of the Committee of the French Canadian Missionary Society, for the interest taken in their prosperity, and for the increased liberality of the congregations of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, in support of that Society; and further, communicated the respectful request of the Committee for a renewal of the Synodical recommendations formerly given.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend, and it is hereby recommended, that collections be made in all our congregations, in aid of the French Canadian Missionary Society.

Adjourned, to meet at Two o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

VI. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, THURSDAY,
June 8, 1851, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Dick, Moderator.

Rolls of Presbyteries and of Synod, Order of.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

A question was here raised as to the order in which the names of Ministers should stand on the Rolls of Presbyteries, and on the Roll of Synod.

It was moved by Mr. Aitken, seconded by Mr. Thornton:—

That the Rolls of Presbyteries be arranged according to seniority of Ministers, that seniority being determined by date of ordination, or induction in the Church in this Province.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Torrance, seconded by Dr. Ferrier:

That in making the Rolls of Presbyteries, the names of Ministers be placed according to date of ordination.

Order of Rolls, decision.

On a vote being taken, the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod did, and do resolve, in terms of the amendment, that the names of Ministers shall be placed upon the Roll of Synod, and of Presbyteries, according to date of ordination.

Missionary labor of supplemented Ministers, Reports of Presbyteries.

Called for the Reports of Presbyteries on Missionary labours performed by Ministers of congregations receiving aid from the Mission Fund.

Wellington Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Wellington reported that none of its Ministers comes under this injunction of Synod, as none of them receives aid from the Mission Fund.

Flamboro'.

The Presbytery of Flamboro' reported that none of the Ministers within their bounds have received any supplement of stipend during the past year, and consequently, no missionary labour has been performed on this condition.

London and Durham.

The Presbyteries of London and of Durham, reported verbally to the same effect with that of Flamboro'.

Brant.

The Presbytery of Brant reported that, under their direction, the Rev. Robert Rodgers visited Norwichville once a month until September last; and that both on Sabbath and on week days, he preached at other stations in the vicinity, and visited the people. After the induction of Mr. Rodgers into the congregation of Norwichville, besides having supplied the congregation of Blandford on three several Sabbaths, he preached at other stations, at the rate of at least once a week.

No reports were given in by the Presbyteries of Toronto, Canada East, or Lanark.

Missionary labor, Reports to be sent to Committee of Missions.

Referring to the law of Synod enjoining Presbyteries to report to Synod on the missionary labours performed by Ministers of congregations receiving supplement, it was on motion agreed:—

That the last clause of the Synod's printed Minute, Section 4, and page 21 of the Session of 1852, be amended so as to read thus: And that the Presbyteries report the same to the Mission Committee, to be by them submitted to the Synod.

Students Inspection of, Reports on.

Called for the Reports of Presbyteries on the inspection of Students of Theology.

Wellington.

The Presbytery of Wellington reported that they have had no Students under their superintendence during the past year.

Flamboro'.

The Presbytery of Flamboro' reported that they have had one Student under their inspection—James M. Campbell—who had been lately received by them as a Student, from the Associate Synod of North America, and that they were satisfied with his diligence in his studies.

London.

The Presbytery of London reported that they have had one Student under their inspection—Mr. David Watters: that he had been examined at several meetings of Presbytery, and that he had performed all the exercises prescribed to him, to their entire satisfaction, and in a manner highly creditable to himself.

Toronto. The Presbytery of Toronto reported that they have had three Students under their inspection, but as they were attending University College, Toronto, the Presbytery had but one meeting with them.

Durham. The Presbytery of Durham reported that they have had under their care one student, Mr. William McNeillie, who has performed several exercises much to the satisfaction of the Presbytery.

Brant. The Presbytery of Brant reported that they have had one student, Robert Christie Moffat, under their inspection. He has had prescribed to him exercises, in accordance with the rules of the Church, which he has performed greatly to the satisfaction of Presbytery.

Superintendents of Schools and supplement of stipend. Reports of Presbyteries on. Called for the Reports of Presbyteries and Sessions on the matter sent down from last Synod, in relation to granting aid from the Mission Fund, to congregations whose Ministers are in receipt of emoluments as Superintendents of Common Schools.

Wellington. The Presbytery of Wellington reported that the Sessions of Eramosa, Guelph, and Elora congregations, are of opinion that it is undesirable for Ministers to accept or hold the office of Local Superintendent of Schools, but in present circumstances, do not wish the Synod to issue any prohibition to that effect.

Flamboro'. The Presbytery of Flamboro' reported, that they recommend to Synod to enjoin Presbyteries to see that Ministers do not engage in any business that shall interfere with the duties of their sacred office.

Toronto. The Presbytery of Toronto reported, recommending that the Report of the Committee of Synod be adopted in the meantime, as the rule of the Church in this case. And in addition to this, the Presbytery, declaring their full conviction, that in all ordinary cases, it is of the utmost importance that Ministers confine themselves to the work of the Ministry: and considering that in this Church there is, by reason of the smallness of the remuneration afforded to Ministers, great difficulty in adhering to this principle, this Presbytery strongly recommend to the Synod, at its earliest convenience, prudently and energetically to adopt measures for increasing the minimum stipend of the Ministers of this Church.

Brant. The Presbytery of Brant reported that, in the opinion of the Presbytery, the Report of the Committee of Synod, last year, to consider the case of Ministers receiving supplement under certain circumstances, should be adopted.

Canada East. The Presbytery of Canada East reported substantially to the same effect as the Presbytery of Brant.

Deliverance on. On motion, it was unanimously agreed:—

That, in accordance with the deliverances given, on this subject, by a majority of the Presbyteries from which reports have been received, the Report of the Committee of Synod last year (page 69 of printed minutes) be, and the same is hereby affirmed and adopted, in the meantime, as the law of Synod, in this matter.

Committee of the whole. The Synod now resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of religion in our bounds, and on the means of extending the influence of the United Presbyterian Church in this country.

Committee of the whole rose, reported progres, to sit again. After sitting some time, the Committee rose. The Moderator resumed the chair. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. Leave was granted.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet at Seven o'clock this evening.

Closed with the benediction.

VII. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, THURSDAY,
June 8, 1854, 7 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Dick, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

Accounts, Report on. Mr. Jennings reported from the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Synod's Treasurers, that they had found those accounts correctly kept.

Thanks to Treasurers. The cordial thanks of the Synod were then given to the Rev. Thomas Christie, and to Robert Christie, Esq., for the careful and accurate manner in which they have discharged the duties of their offices.

Missions, consideration of. Entered upon the consideration of our missionary operations in this country, when the Report of the Committee of Missions was read by Mr. Torrance, Convener.

Thanks to Mission Committee. The thanks of the Synod were then unanimously and cordially given to the Committee of Missions, for the diligence and zeal with which they have performed the important duties entrusted to them.

Mission Report to be printed. *Ordered*—That the Report of the Committee of Missions be printed, as an appendix to the Synod's Minutes.

Addresses by Mr. Duff and Professor Taylor.

An Address on Missions was then delivered by the Rev. Mr. Duff; and after engaging in praise, an Address on the same subject was delivered by the Rev. Professor Taylor.

Thanks for Addresses.

A vote of thanks was then passed, conveying to Mr. Duff and Professor Taylor, the high appreciation of the Synod of the excellent addresses which they have just heard.

Mission Report, to be considered to-morrow morning.

On motion, it was agreed that the consideration of the Report of the Committee of Missions, shall be the first thing which shall engage our attention to-morrow morning.

Adjourned, to meet to-morrow at nine o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

VIII. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, FRIDAY,
June 9, 1854, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Dick, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

Mission Report.

Took up for consideration the report of the Committee of Missions.

After reasoning, it was unanimously agreed:—

Schedule, for Preachers Returns, to be drafted.

That a schedule for the returns of Preachers, in the several Presbyteries, to be filled by them, for Presbytery Clerks, that the Presbytery Clerks may be able to make satisfactory reports to the Mission Committee, be prepared, and authorized by the Synod; and that Mr. Torrance and Mr. Barrie be a Committee to prepare a draft of such schedule, and submit it for adoption of the Court at the evening Sederunt.

Statistics, Order on.

On the statements of the Report of the Committee of Missions in relation to statistics, being taken up—the Clerk of the Durham Presbytery having complained of the remissness of congregations in making their returns—the Synod admonishing Presbyteries to use all due diligence in procuring complete statistics, at the same time strongly recommend to, and enjoin congregations to pay strict respect to the law of Synod in the matter of statistics; and that Presbytery Clerks shall use all diligence to procure statistics from the vacancies within their bounds.

Collections, Order on.

On the matter of collections for the schemes of the Church, it was agreed to enjoin upon Ministers and congregations to have regard to the law of Synod in this respect; and that Clerks of Presbyteries be enjoined to give timely notice of those collections to the vacancies.

Mission Committee re-appointed.

The Committee of Missions was now appointed, consisting of the same members as that of last year, viz:—The Rev. Professor Taylor, Dr. Ferrier, the Rev Messrs. Jennings, Torrance, Hogg, Barrie, Dunbar, and Thomas Christie, Treasurer, (*ex officio*); together with Robert Christie, Esq., the Synod's Treasurer, (*ex officio*), Thomas Armstrong, Thomas Fotheringham and Daniel McNaughton, Esquires, elders. Mr. Torrance, Convener.

Addresses by whom to be given.

The Rev. William Taylor, D. D., and the Rev. William Cavan, were appointed to deliver addresses on Missions, at the missionary meeting of Synod, next year.

Minutes of Presbyteries, Reports on.

Called for the Reports of the Committees appointed to examine Presbytery minutes.

London.

Dr. W. Taylor reported from the Committee, to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of London, that those minutes had not been put into their hands.

Toronto.

Mr. Caw reported from the Committee, to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of Toronto, that they had examined said minutes, and found the business conducted in an ecclesiastical manner, and the record correctly kept.

Flamboro'.

Mr. Skinner reported from the Committee on the minutes of the Presbytery of Flamboro', that they had examined said minutes, and found them correctly recorded.

Canada East.

Mr. Aitken reported from the Committee on the minutes of the Presbytery of Canada East, that in consequence of the absence of the Clerk of said Presbytery, they had no opportunity of fulfilling the appointment of Synod.

Lanark.

Mr. Coutts reported from the Committee on the minutes of the Presbytery of Lanark, that those minutes had not been presented to them for examination.

Durham.

Mr. Pringle reported from the Committee on the minutes of the Presbytery of Durham, that the minute book of said Presbytery had not been presented to them.

Wellington.

Mr. Cavan reported from the Committee on the minutes of the Presbytery of Wellington, that having examined said minutes, they found them very accurately kept.

Brant.

Mr. Duff reported from the Committee on the minutes of the Presbytery of Brant, that on account of the unavoidable absence of the regular Presbytery Clerk, the minutes had not been put into their hands.

Theological Education, Report of Committee.

Called for the Report of the Committee on Theological Education—when the Report was read by Professor Taylor, the Convener.

Received, Committee commended.

The Report was received—the Committee commended for their diligence—and agreed to proceed to the consideration of the recommendations embraced in said Report.

Motions.

The following motions were then made on the suggestions of the Report:—

Programme for Examination of Students adopted

1. Adopt the recommendations to Presbyteries, for the examination of Students of Theology, printed copies of which are in the hands of Members of Synod.

It carried unanimously—Adopt.

Thanks to J. Logan, Esq., for books.

2. Adopt the recommendation that, the cordial thanks of the Synod be given to John Logan, Esq., Corn Merchant of Glasgow, for the great liberality with which he has, for three successive years, made valuable donations of Books to the Theological Library.

It carried unanimously—Adopt.

Bursaries, consideration of.

Proceeded to the consideration of the recommendation of the Report, that means may be devised, by the establishment of Bursaries, or otherwise, for encouraging young men to study for the Christian Ministry. After reasoning some time, the further consideration of this matter was deferred till the afternoon.

Theological Education Committee appointed.

The Committee on Theological Education, of last year, was now re-appointed, consisting of Professor the Rev. Dr. John Taylor, the Rev. Dr. Ferrier, the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Christie, Thornton Dick and Barrie. Professor Taylor, Convener.

Adjourned, to meet at Two o'clock, P. M.

Closed with the benediction.

IX. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, FRIDAY,
June 9, 1854, 2 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Dick, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Theological Education Report, last suggestion referred back.

Resumed the consideration of the Report on Theological Education: whereupon it was unanimously agreed—

That the last recommendation in the Report, relating to Bursaries, be referred back to the same Committee, to prepare an Address, and take such other action on it as they shall deem advisable.

Distribution of Preachers, Report of Committee.

The Report of the Committee for the distribution of Preachers, was given, verbally, by the Convener, Mr. Thornton.

Received, and thanks to Mr. Thornton.

The Report was received, and the thanks of the Synod were given to Mr. Thornton for his diligence in transacting the business of the Committee.

Euphrasia requests location of Mr. Carruthers.

A request was presented by Mr. Torrance, on behalf of Presbyterians, in the Township of Euphrasia, that Mr. Carruthers, preacher, be sent among them for three months; and a request from the Presbytery of Wellington, for permission from the Synod, to comply with the wishes of the people of Euphrasia.

Deliverance.

It was thereupon

Resolved—That the request of the Wellington Presbytery, and the Presbyterians in Euphrasia, for the location of Mr. Carruthers, preacher, for three months, be acceded to, provided that Mr. Carruthers be still willing to locate for such a period.

Distribution Committee appointed.

The Committee for the Distribution of Preachers for the current year, was then appointed, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Dick, Jennings and Ormiston—Mr. Dick, Convener.

Mr. Thornton's representation and petition, withdrawn.

The Synod next took up a Representation and Petition from Mr. Thornton,—when certain explanations having been given, and the Synod being of opinion that Mr. Thornton's character had not at all suffered from charges by which he declared himself to be aggrieved, he was requested to withdraw said Representation and Petition, and it was withdrawn accordingly.

Funds, Synod and Presbytery, seperation of.

Took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Wellington, in relation to Synod and Presbytery Funds, recommending that the Presbytery Fund should be separated from the Synod Fund, and that every Presbytery have leave to form a fund of its own, to defray its contingent expenses.

Overture adopted.

The Overture was adopted, and it was

Resolved—That so much of the law of Synod, passed on the 18th day of November, 1846, (page 47 of printed Minutes), as is inconsistent with this Overture be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Complaint, Mr. Coutts against Mr. Jennings, dismissed.

A paper was now read, entitled "Mr. Coutts' complaint against Mr. Jennings." It was

Resolved—That the matter complained of did not call for the action of this Court, and the paper was consequently dismissed.

Next Meeting of Synod.

The next meeting of Synod was appointed to be held in the First United Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on the first Tuesday of June, 1855, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Rolls of Presbyteries to be sent to Synod Clerk.

The Clerks of Presbyteries were instructed to send the Rolls of their respective Presbyteries to the Clerk of Synod, at least eight days before the day on which the Synod meets.

Bills & Overture Com., papers to be sent to Convener of.

The Clerks of the several Presbyteries being, according to the law of Synod, the Committee of Bills and Overtures, the Rev. Mr. Torrance was now appointed Convener of the Committee, and all parties having papers to bring before the Synod were, and

are hereby instructed, to forward those papers to the Convener, at least eight days before the meeting of Synod.

Preachers, Schedule for, returns of to Presbyteries

Mr. Torrance reported from the Committee to whom was entrusted the drawing up of a form of schedule, to be given to Preachers, to be filled up by them, and to be returned to Presbytery Clerks.

Schedule adopted, instruction to print.

The Report of Draft Schedule was adopted, and Mr. Torrance was requested to have a sufficient number of copies thereof printed, and sent to Presbytery Clerks.

Adjourned to meet at Seven o'clock.

X. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, FRIDAY,
June 9, 1854, 7 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Dick, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Complaint, Mr. Jennings against Mr. Coutts.

Took up a reference from the Presbytery of Toronto, in the nature of a complaint of the Rev. Mr. Jennings against the Rev. Mr. Coutts, on account of a certain letter, addressed to the Editor of the *Canadian Presbyterian Magazine*, which was published in the *North American* newspaper, and of which letter Mr. Coutts is alleged to be the author.

Moderator left the chair.

The Moderator now left the chair, and Mr. Barrie, by request, took the same.

Complaint, Committee on.

It was moved by Dr. William Taylor, seconded by Dr. Ferrier, and

Resolved—That the whole case in the present stage be referred to a Committee, who shall retire with the parties, and endeavour to effect a reconciliation.

The Moderator *pro. tem.*, then named the following Committee, viz. :—Dr. William Taylor, the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Christie, Duff, Skinner, Aitken, and Dr. Ferrier. Dr. Taylor, Convener. The Committee then retired with the parties.

Moderator resumed the chair.

The Moderator now resumed the chair.

Ordination, Overture on.

Read an Overture from Mr. Thornton, on Trials for Ordination. Mr. Thornton being absent, it was agreed to delay the consideration of this Overture.

Eldership, Overture on.

Read an Overture from Mr. Skinner, requesting the Synod to settle the question, which was raised at the meeting of Synod in 1852, as to the representation of two or more congregations, under one pastoral charge, in Presbyteries and in Synod.

Delayed.

It was agreed to delay the further consideration of this Overture.

Preachers, payment of, Overture on.

Read an Overture from the Presbytery of London, on the payment of preachers, by vacancies and stations, recommending that the Synod modify the law on this matter, as stated in the Resolutions, 1st and 2nd, page 20, of the printed minutes of 1852. Whereupon it was

Deliverance.

Resolved—That while a certain sum is specified, in the first section referred to, as a point to which Presbyteries should endeavour to bring their vacancies, it was nevertheless understood, and it is now recorded, that Presbyteries were allowed a discretionary power, to accept a smaller sum in cases where that should be judged reasonable.

Whole House Committee of.

The Synod now resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house. Mr. Caw in the chair.

Report of the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the Whole rose. The Synod resumed. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported, to the following effect :—

That the Synod do recommend that the Ministers of this Church do' on the 1st Sabbath of July next, preach on the importance of the due observance of Family Worship ; and on the following Sabbath, on the Religious Education of the Young. And, further, that the Presbyteries and Sessions of this Church be requested to make the topics mentioned in this report, or similar topics, a subject of conversation, at their earliest convenience.

Report adopted.

The Synod did, and do hereby, adopt the report of the Committee of the Whole, and agreed to recommend and request in terms thereof.

Complaint, Mr. Jennings against Mr. Coutts, report of Committee.

Dr. William Taylor reported from the Committee to whom was referred the complaint of Mr. Jennings against Mr. Coutts, in the terms following, that is to say :—

HAMILTON, *June* 9, 1854.

The Committee appointed in the case of "Rev. Mr. Jennings' complaint against Rev. Mr. Coutts," met according to appointment of the Synod: Rev. Dr. Taylor in the chair. The proceedings were opened with prayer by the chairman.

The members of Committee expressed their sentiments in succession. Parties were heard ; and the following agreement was ultimately arrived at :—

The Rev. Mr. Coutts hereby retracts the charges which he brings against the Rev. Mr. Jennings, in two numbers of the *North American* Newspaper, dated March 7th and 9th, 1854, over the signature of "A Member of Presbytery"—so far as said charges affect his moral and professional character, and expresses his sorrow for having made them public in such a way.

In testimony whereof he has signed the same in the presence of these witnesses:

(Signed) DAVID COUTTS.

(Signed) W. TAYLOR, D.D., Witness.
WILL. AITKEN, "
AW. FERRIER, D D., "
THOMAS CHRISTIE, "
JAMES SKINNER, "
JOHN DUFF, "

The Rev. Mr. Jennings on his part declares, that if he has, however unintentionally, given any provocation, as Editor of the *Canadian Presbyterian Magazine*, to the Rev. Mr. Coutts, which might have led him to bring such charges, he hereby retracts it, and expresses his sorrow for having done so.

(Signed) JOHN JENNINGS.

(Signed) W. TAYLOR, D.D., Witness.
WILL. AITKEN, "
AW. FERRIER, D.D. "
THOMAS CHRISTIE, "
JAMES SKINNER, "
JOHN DUFF, "

The Committee further recommend that an authenticated copy of this paper be given to Mr. Jennings and to Mr. Coutts.

Report adopted. The Report, as above, was unanimously adopted, and the Synod did and do agree and decide in terms thereof.

Printing, order for. *Ordered*—That 400 copies of the Minutes of this meeting of Synod be printed, for the use of Ministers and Sessions.

Theo. Education Report to be printed. *Ordered*—That the Report of the Committee on Theological Education be printed as an appendix to the Synod's Minutes.

Ordered—That the sum of £2 be paid to the Church officer for his services at this meeting of Synod.

Thanks to Hamilton Congregation. The thanks of the Synod were given to the Minister and other Office-bearers and Congregation of Hamilton, for the comfortable accommodation furnished for this meeting.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod.

After engaging in praise by singing the 133 Psalm, the Moderator announced that the next meeting of Synod would be held in the First United Presbyterian Church, in the city of Toronto, on the first Tuesday of June, 1855, at half-past seven o'clock, p.m., and then closed the session with the Apostolical benediction.

JAMES DICK, *Moderator.*
WM. FRASER, *Synod Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

No. I.

REPORT OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE, READ AT THE MEETING OF THE U. P. SYNOD, 8TH JUNE, 1854.

The proceedings of your Committee for the year which has just closed, do not present any feature of special interest or importance. All that has been done may be condensed into a brief Report, and your Committee judge it imprudent to occupy the time of this meeting by presenting anything more than a summary statement of the business they have transacted since the last meeting of Synod. During this period they have granted applications for supplement made by preachers to the amount of £427 7s. 7d.—by congregations to the amount of £223 0s. 9d.—making a total of £650 8s. 4d. In this sum there are included two items due to a Minister whose engagements with the board of Missions in Scotland entitled him to the full stipend of £100 sterling; with a sum of £15 due to one who, in consequence of family affliction, has been under the necessity of resigning his charge and removing from the Province, and a further sum of £14 17s. 2d. paid to Mr. James Frazer, who has now been employed for some years by the London Presbytery as a Catechist, and whose efforts for the spiritual instruction and impression of those among whom he is labouring seem to be acknowledged by God.

To make these payments, your Treasurer, the Rev. Mr. Christie, has drawn upon the Synod Grant for missionary purposes to the amount of £489 0s. 10d. currency, and there have been collected among the congregations of the Church in the Province, and sent in to the Treasurer of the Home Fund, Robert Christie Esq, the sum of £215 11s. 3d. At their meeting on Tuesday, your Committee have passed applications by preachers amounting to £11 12s., and by congregations to £28 10s., which have not yet been paid, and there are other demands which have not yet been formally presented. The books of your Treasurer, then, show the following state:—

Total expenditure upon preachers from 1st Aug., 1853, till 27th April, 1854	£427	7	7
Total grants to weak congregations between 1st August, 1852, and the present date	223	0	9
While the charge against said Treasurer is—			
For Home Draft	£589	0	10
Collections in the Provinces	215	11	3

A balance remains in the hands of the Rev. Mr. Chsistie of £35 6s. 2d., and in the hands of Robert Christie, Esq., of £240 10s. 3d., while the former is liable for £40 2s.; at present there is no demand against the Mission Fund of the latter.

Your Committee, in obedience to the injunctions of Synod, prepared and forwarded to the Board of Missions in Scotland, a request for ten additional preachers. Before doing so, a circular was addressed to each of the Presbyteries of the Church, containing a number of questions designed to elicit as full information as possible as to the number of vacan-

cies—their local situation—their present state, with their prospects, and this was embodied in a communication which was sent off as soon as it could be got ready, to the Rev. Mr. Somerville. All the members of Synod have, we presume, seen the document as published in the *Missionary Record* for the month of October, 1853. An answer was received stating that the request had been laid before the Board at their meeting in that month, and that they had resolved to comply with it so far as in their power. When this answer was read in your Committee, they cordially and unanimously resolved to record their satisfaction with it, and instructed their Convener to convey their thanks to the Board in Scotland for the kind and Christian spirit in which the application had been received and considered. Efforts have been made, and are continuing to be made at home, to procure for the Church here the number of missionaries named, but they have been only partially successful. Five have been engaged, some of whom have already arrived. Let it be hoped, however, that those who are on the list of Probationers or completing their studies in the Hall, may be induced seriously to ponder the invitation that has been addressed to them, and to choose Canada as a field for the forth-putting of those energies which they have professedly dedicated to God, to serve Him in the Gospel of his Son.

We are happy in being able to inform the Synod of there being evidence that the care which they exercise over the weaker congregations has not been in vain, and that their kindness has not been unappreciated. A letter was addressed to the Committee, through their Convener, in the early part of the year, from the congregation of Chatham, which was one of those under the necessity of applying for supplement when they first obtained a pastor, conveying their thanks for the assistance that had been afforded them in their weakness, and stating that, in the present year they were in hopes of being able to raise £125 as stipend for their pastor, and £50 for building purposes. They remark, "As the day on which we were wont to receive pecuniary assistance from you is approaching, and as we are met to-day to transact the business of the congregation, we cannot allow so favorable an opportunity to pass without conveying to you this assurance of our heartfelt gratitude for the favors already mentioned—favours the more valuable because by means of them, under God, we have been enabled to go to the fold of Christ, and find pasture, and can say not only that we have a minister of our own, but also that we support him by our voluntary offerings."

Your Committee think it would serve a useful purpose were means taken to publish the reports, or a digest of them, which are presented by preachers to the respective Presbyteries within whose bounds they have been laboring. This would supply information as to the number and state of the vacancies which exist, and of the extent of mission field which the operations of the Church embrace: it would afford a better understanding of the position which the Church occupies in the Province—awaken a greater interest throughout all the congregations, and might lead to greater prayerfulness and liberality for the welfare of those who are without a shepherd. Were these reports forwarded by Presbyteries to the Mission Committee, they could embody as many of the facts narrated as they deemed advisable in a statement like the present—which would give it greater variety and interest to such a meeting as this—and we are certain that the Editors of both magazines would be willing to insert it in their periodicals, so that it would be diffused throughout our congregations for their instruction.

The Rev. Andrew Kennedy has written to the Committee informing them that, having succeeded in obtaining a situation which affords him the opportunity of laboring for the advancement of that cause to which his life has been hitherto devoted, he will not, in the meantime, draw upon the fund for any money in the way of salary.

Annual Statistical Reports have been received from six Presbyteries—those of Brant and Durham have not come to hand. From those which have been sent in, it appears that there are sixty "congregations," but fourteen of these, from some cause or other, have not furnished their statistics. With the fifty-two that have reported, there are connected thirty-six "stations"; the "average attendance" is 8260—the "numbers added" 567, and "removed" 368, giving an increase of 199, while there are on the roll of communicants in the Church 4291. In "religious classes" there are 1774, and 644 attend prayer meetings. The total number of baptisms is 541; the number of volumes in libraries 10,041; and the number of Churches 43. Congregational Debt amounts to £2132 0s. 6d., and the total income to £4684 4s. 4d., being an average to each member of almost £1 1s. 10d., and to each hearer of about 11s. 4d. £2585 16s. have been expended upon "stipend," and £1153 4s. 6d., on "Church Property;" £77 19s. 1½d. have been collected for the Theological Fund—£31 2s. 1d. for Synod and Presbytery Funds—£127 14s. 9½d. for the Synod's Missions—£91 13s. 11d. for General Missions—£25 9s. 6d. as contributions to the poor, while £426 17s. 8d. fall under the heading of incidental expenses.

Your Committee refrain from instituting any comparison between these returns and those of last year, but they would call attention to the number of instances in which congregations have failed to make collections for the schemes of the Church, In one Presbytery not a single farthing has been raised for the Synod and Presbytery Funds—only two congregations of the same Presbytery have contributed to the Theological Fund: one to the Synod's Missions, and one to General Missions. In another Presbytery the column under the heading "Theological Fund," presents a uniform blank, while those of the other schemes have but very few entries. Most of the other Presbyteries have been more faithful; but we believe that all the circumstances should remind the Synod of the propriety of enjoining that greater attention be paid in all the congregations and vacancies of the Church to the annual collections for the different objects specified in the statistical schedules, and of stating anew that those in need of supplement forfeit their right to have it granted, unless they comply. Your Committee cannot help expressing their conviction that the fault here lies at the door of ministers, and that the people would be willing to give of their wealth for these purposes were they asked, or furnished with the opportunity to do so. All our funds require the hearty and universal liberality of our membership. Much of our Zion is, in this respect, as an uncultivated field. Were we to work the resources which are within our own power to the full extent of which they admit, we would not require to be as dependent as we are upon external aid. And the circumstances of the Church are now such, that she can afford to cast more than she has been doing into the treasury of the Lord's house, and she needs to cast more.

We would embody in this report the suggestion that Presbytery Clerk be instructed to send to the vacancies, intimation of the periods at which collections for the schemes should be made; and farther, that vacancies as well as congregations having a pastor, be required to make returns of their statistics.

Let your Committee close with expressing their thankful acknowledgments for the prosperity with which God has already blessed the Church, and the hope that he will increase her more and more till the little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation. May the Lord hasten it in his time.

No. II.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

The Committee on Theological Education beg respectfully to present the following Report:—

They met on Tuesday, 2nd August last, when the Divinity Hall was opened by the Moderator with devotional exercises and an address. The Rev. Dr. Taylor then read an Introductory Lecture; and the Rev. Dr. Ferrier delivered an address. The students who entered were,—of the fourth year, Messrs. John Lees and John Fotheringham; of the third year, none; of the second year, Messrs. Robert C. Moffatt, William C. Bruce and Francis Tisdell, (Mr. Alex. McFaul, who entered in 1852, was prevented from attending last year by severe and protracted bodily affliction); and of the first year, Messrs. David Waters, William Ballantyne, John McNeillie, and William Fletcher, the last of whom had not been examined by a Presbytery, but was afterwards admitted by the Presbytery of Toronto. Mr. John. McNaughton also joined the Hall, but only as a hearer. The Committee likewise made arrangements for the meetings of the Hall during the session, and for the accommodation of the library.

The Committee met again on Thursday, 6th October, when the two Senior Students delivered their discourses, which met with the approbation of the Committee; and the Rev. Messrs. Thornton and Dick delivered addresses. Dr. Taylor stated that the students had attended regularly during the session, had conducted themselves with propriety, and had performed to his satisfaction the exercises prescribed; that they had been examined on Dick's Lectures, from XLVIII. to LXXI, both inclusive, and on Mosheim's Church History, from the Fifth to the Tenth Century, both inclusive; that they had read critically in the Greek of the New Testament, the narratives of the chief facts and incidents contained in the Gospels; and, in the Hebrew of the Old Testament, selected passages in Genesis, beginning with the murder of Abel, and ending with the interview between Abram and Melchizedek, along with the corresponding passages in the Septuagint. Also, that the students, besides delivering a discourse, had all during the session read several critical exercises on passages prescribed to them. The Committee then proceeded to the consideration of the remit from the Synod, and agreed to the following Recommendations to Presbyteries respecting the examination of students, viz.:

"The Committee are of opinion that the standard of requirement ought to be considerably elevated; but that this ought to be done gradually and cautiously; and they beg respectfully to recommend that the following be now the *minimum* which Presbyteries should faithfully and rigidly demand, viz.:

I.—Before Admittance to the Divinity Hall.

1. *English.*—A good Education, *i.e.*, a correct knowledge of the principles of the Language; Geography; Arithmetic; and History.
2. *Latin.*—The Grammar; Cæsar's Commentaries; and Virgil's Æneid, Books I—II.
3. *Greek.*—The Grammar; Gospel by John; and Xenophon's Anabasis, Book I, Chaps. 1—6.

II.—Before Entrance to the Hall the Second Year.

1. *Latin.*—Calvin's Institutes, Book I. Chaps. 1—5; and Cicero de Amicitia.

2. *Greek.*—Galatians; and Homer's Iliad, Book I.
3. *Hebrew.*—The Grammar; and Genesis, Chap. 1.
4. *Logic and Moral Philosophy.*—Whately's Logic; and Stewart's Outlines of Moral Philosophy.
5. *Mathematics.*—Algebra, including Quadratics; and Euclid's Elements, Books I.—IV.
6. *Divinity and Church History.*—The portion of each studied at the Hall during the preceding Session.
7. *Composition.*—An Essay; and a Homily,—the latter to be delivered (not read).

III.—Before Entrance to the Hall the Third Year.

1. *Latin.*—Calvin's Institutes, Book II., Chaps 12—17; and Cicero de Officiis, Book I.
2. *Greek.*—Romans; and Septuagint, Psalms I.—XL.
3. *Hebrew.*—Joshua, Chaps. I.—V.
4. *Mental and Moral Philosophy.*—Upham's Mental Philosophy; and Wardlaw's Christian Ethics.
5. *Mathematics.*—Euclid's Elements, Books V.—VI.
6. *Divinity and Church History.*—The portion of each studied at the Hall during the preceding Session.
7. *Composition.*—An Essay; and a Lecture,—the latter to be delivered.

IV.—Before Entrance to the Hall the Fourth Year.

1. *Latin.*—Calvin's Institutes, Book III, Chaps. 11—16; and Horace's Odes, Book I.
2. *Greek.*—Hebrews; I. Peter; and Septuagint, Isaiah, Chaps. XL.—LXVI.
3. *Hebrew.*—Psalms XLI.—LV.
4. *Natural Philosophy.*—Mechanics; and Optics, (Chambers' Educational Course.)
5. *Divinity and Church History.*—The portion of each studied at the Hall during the preceding Session.
6. *Composition.*—A Critical Exercise; and a Popular Sermon,—the latter to be delivered.

The Committee also recommend that Presbyteries give Students every encouragement to avail themselves of the opportunities they may have for becoming acquainted with such Branches as the following, viz.:—Natural Philosophy generally, including Astronomy; Chemistry; Natural History, (Mineralogy, Botany, and Zoology); Geology; Anatomy; Physiology, &c. And it is respectfully submitted that in the case of Students who may be attending University College, Toronto, or any other approved Academical Institution, or who may be preparing for such Institution, Presbyteries should dispense with the Literary and Philosophical portions of the above Curriculum, and should accommodate their examinations in these departments to the course of study pursued in the Public Institution."

The Committee resolved that these be printed, and that a copy be forwarded to every Minister in the Synod; and they are now respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Reverend Court. The Committee have to state also, that at their first meeting they directed their Convener to correspond with the Convener of the Scottish Synod's Committee on Theological Education, respecting a donation of Books which, it was understood, that Synod had, in 1852, generously resolved to transmit to the Theological Library here. From that correspondence the Committee have learned that the books are not very numerous and chiefly in the Latin language, but that they will be sent on directions being given as

to the best mode of conveyance. The Committee have instructed their Convener to furnish such directions, and to intimate that the Committee will be glad to receive whatever books the Synod at home may have the kindness to bestow. The Committee feel it a duty and a pleasure to record, that they voted in August last their cordial thanks to John Logan, Esq., Corn Merchant, Glasgow,—the son of a late excellent minister in Scotland,—for handsome donations of books he had made to the library both last and preceding year; and their pleasure is increased by hearing that their Convener has just received a letter from Mr. Logan, intimating that he has, this year also, sent out a number of additional volumes. The Committee trust the Synod will concur with them in opinion that Mr. Logan is justly entitled to the thanks of the Synod itself for his considerate, continued and exemplary generosity. The Committee will not further detain the Synod, than by expressing their conviction that it is a matter of vast importance for the prosperity of this Church, and for the religious well-being of the Province, that all legitimate and prudent means should be assiduously used for inducing young men to come forward as students of Theology; and that it deserves most serious consideration, whether the Synod should not endeavour to devise some method of providing for such young men, in cases where it may be needed, some pecuniary assistance by scholarships, exhibitions, or bursaries.

The Committee cannot conclude without commending the Divinity Hall to the warmest sympathies and most fervent prayers of the members of the Synod and the Church.

No. III.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

MISSION FUND.

1853.	Charge against the Treasurer.	£	s.	d.
June 16.	Balance against the Treasurer	394	14	1
	17. Newton Congregation	2	10	0
	22. Clarke do.	6	0	0
	" Toronto Township and Brampton	2	10	8
	" Richmond Hill	9	15	0
	" Blandford Sabbath School	0	12	6
July	19. Blenheim Congregation	1	15	0
	" Ayr Juvenile Association	5	10	0
	" Montreal Congregation	33	19	7
Oct.	10. Proof Line (quarter ending 31st March last)	1	8	1½
	" London (ending 30th June)	6	3	9
	" English Settlement	3	10	6½
	" Proof Line	1	7	6
	" English Settlement (30th September)	3	6	6
	" Proof Line	1	17	9½
Nov	11. Flamboro' Congregation	7	10	0
1854.				
Jan'y	2. Paris Congregation	1	18	1½
	9. Pakenham	0	10	0
	" Fitzroy Harbor and Torbolton	0	18	0
	10. Indiana	0	15	0
	" Oneida	2	5	0
Feb.	16. Eramosa	2	10	0
	20. Brantford	6	0	0
	22. West Gwillimbury	1	12	9
	" Tecumseth	1	15	8
	" Essa	1	4	7
	" Hamilton Congregation	5	7	0
March	6. Glenmorris	2	15	0
	13. Ayr Congregation	6	6	7
	20. Pickering	2	15	0
	27. Whitby Congregation	16	4	0
April	1. Darlington	8	15	0
	13. Ancaster East	0	11	3
	" Caledonia Sabbath School	0	15	0
	" Port Dalhousie	1	5	3
	" St. Catharines	1	13	10½
	" Beverley Congregation	4	0	0
	24. London (quarter ending 31st December last)	5	0	0
	" English Settlement	3	10	0½
	" Bethel	1	12	8
	" English Settlement	2	18	7½
May	3. Mount Pleasant	2	15	0
	23. Bethel Congregation	2	6	3
	" Detroit Congregation	3	3	1½
	" Pakenham Sabbath School	1	0	0
	" Chippawa	2	13	7
June	6. Toronto 2nd Congregation	1	10	0
	" Newton Clarke	3	0	0
	" Caledonia	1	10	0
	" Eramosa Congregation	9	8	3
	" Clarke do.	9	0	0
	Balance of interest	8	9	8
		£610	5	4

DISCHARGE.

			£	s.	d.
1853.					
June 22.	Paid Congregations, Toronto Township and Brampton		20	0	0
"	" Rev. J. Jennings' expenses attending Committee		1	12	6
July 5.	" Mr. Sinclair, Preacher		37	6	2½
6.	Caledon Congregation		45	0	0
"	Blandford do.		30	0	0
"	Blenheim		26	0	9
"	Paid Mr. James Fraser, Catechist,		8	3	10
"	" Mr. Deas, Preacher		22	15	2
"	" Rev. Mr. Cavan		15	19	3
"	" Rev. John Dunbar		22	10	3
"	" Mr. Matthew Barr, Preacher		48	11	0
"	" Printer's Account		2	1	3
"	" Pakenham Congregation		12	10	0
"	" Amherst Island Congregation		15	0	0
	Exchange and Postage		0	17	8
Sept. 30.	" Mr. Carruthers, Preacher, to 30th June,		29	15	7½
Nov. 26.	" Mr. Sinclair, £7 12s. 6d., Exchange 1s. 3d.		7	13	9
1854.					
Jan. 9.	" Rev. J. Dunbar, balance of supplement due to him when a Probationer		3	4	6
"	" R. Torrance postage and travelling expenses		1	0	0
27.	" Supplement to Congregations, Toronto Township and Brampton		10	0	0
April 24.	" Rev. James Fraser, Catechist		6	13	4
June 7.	" Rev. John Duff, travelling expenses on Mission work		3	0	0
	Balance due by the Treasurer		240	10	3
			£610	5	4

According to appointment of Synod to audit the accounts, since June 17th, 1854, we have examined the same, and find them correct.

(Signed) JOHN JENNINGS,
WILLIAM BARRIE,
THOS. ARMSTRONG.

		£	s.	d.
June,—Received since balance, Albion		1	15	0
Do.	St. George	12	15	7½

THEOLOGICAL AND SYNOD FUND.

CHARGE AGAINST THE TREASURER.

			£	s.	d.
1853.					
June 16.		Balance brought forward	47	6	10
17.	Received from Clarke Congregation,	Institute	1	10	0
" "	do. do.	Synod	1	10	0
" "	Congregations, Toronto T. and Brampton,	Institute	3	1	3
" "	do. do.	Synod	1	7	4
July 13.	"	Ayr, Synod	1	5	5½
Oct. 11.	"	Hamilton Congregation, Institute	7	8	6½
Nov. 5.	"	Chippawa do. do.	3	0	7½
11.	"	Flamboro', Institute	7	10	0
" "	do.	Synod	1	17	6
" "	Ayr Congregation,	Institute	3	0	0
Dec. 8.	"	Glenmorris, do.	2	2	11
19.	"	Guelph, do.	4	0	0
1854.					
Jan 2.	"	Paris Congregation, do.	2	2	8
9.	"	Pakenham, do.	0	10	0
" "	Fitzroy, &c., and Torbolton,	do.	0	17	0
10.	"	Indiana, do.	1	10	0
" "	Oneida,	do.	1	0	0
" "	Ancaster East,	do.	0	10	0
" "	St. Catharines,	do.	1	14	4½
" "	Dalhousie,	do.	1	5	0
" "	Ancaster West,	do.	0	18	1½
20.	"	West Gwillimbury, do.	1	19	5
" "	Essa,	do.	1	8	8
" "	Tecumseth,	do.	1	1	11
Feb. 8.	"	Congregation, Toronto T. and Brampton, do.	2	5	0
16.	"	Eramosa, do.	4	5	7½
20.	"	Brantford, do.	3	6	3
22.	"	Hamilton, do	5	0	0
" "	Theological Library,	do.	10	0	0
March 1.	"	Elora, do.	2	15	0
" "	do.	Synod	3	0	0
13.	"	Ayr, Juvenile contribution, Institute	2	19	0
20.	"	Richmond Hill, Institute	2	2	6
" "	do.	Synod	2	2	6
26.	"	St. George, Institute	4	6	0
April 17.	"	Eramosa, Synod	3	7	6
24.	"	Adelaide, do.	0	9	2
" "	Warwick,	do.	0	12	3
" "	London,	do.	0	14	4
" "	English Settlement,	do.	0	10	7
" "	Warrensville, Rev. Mr. Logie,	do.	0	5	3
May 23.	"	Congregations, Toronto T. and Brampton, Synod	2 17 4		
" "	2nd. Congregation, Chinguacousy,	do.	1 5 0		
" "	Caledon Congregation,	do.	2 0 0		
" "	West Gwillimbury,	do.	1 5 0		
" "	Tecumseth,	do.	1 12 2½		
" "	Essa,	do.	1 12 2		
" "	1st Congregation, Chinguacousy,	Institute	1 3 2½		
			£11 14 11		
" "	Less Presbytery fund		0 8 0		
				11	6 11

			£	s.	d.
May 23.	Received from Elora Congregation		2	0	0
"	"	Chippawa	2	17	8
June 6.	"	Toronto, 2nd Congregation, Institute	2	10	0
"	"	do. do. Synod	1	0	0
"	"	Caledonia, Synod	0	10	0
"	"	do. Institute	1	0	0
"	"	St. Catharines, Synod	1	7	9
"	"	Guelph, do.	2	15	0
"	"	Hamilton, do.	3	12	6
"	"	Port Hope Congregation, for 1852, Synod	1	5	0
"	"	do. do. do. Institute	1	5	0
"	"	By sum charged in Mission account, and also in this, see 22nd June, 1853	1	12	6
			181	0	11

DISCHARGE.

1853.			£	s.	d.
June 22.	Paid Rev. J. Jennings' expenses attending Mission Committee		1	12	6
"	"	Rev. Wm. Fraser, additional salary as clerk	5	0	0
"	"	Officer attending meeting of Synod	2	0	0
July 6.	"	Professor Taylor, one quarter's salary	76	0	10
"	"	Exchange	0	4	0
1854.					
Jan. 9.	"	Rev. Thos. Christie, Treasurer	5	0	0
Mch.30.	"	Professor Taylor, one quarter's salary	51	0	10
"	"	Exchange	0	2	9
June 7.	"	Rev. Wm. Fraser, Synod Clerk	15	0	0
"	"	Postage Account	0	16	8½
"	"	Printing 100 copies Examination Papers	0	15	0
"	"	Account for benches and book case for Theological Hall	2	18	0
"	"	Rev. Mr. Torrance, Clerk of Presbytery, Stationery and Postage Account	6	0	0
"	"	Rev. Thos. Christie, Treasurer	5	0	0
		Balance due by the Treasurer	9	10	3½
			£181	0	11

June 8. According to appointment of Synod to audit the accounts, since 27th July last, we have examined the same, and find them correct.

(Signed) JOHN JENNINGS,
WILLIAM BARRIE,
THOMAS ARMSTRONG.

			£	s.	d.
June 15.	Received since balance, Smith's Falls Congregation, Institute		2	18	1½
"	"	Ayr Congregation, Synod	1	11	8½
20.	"	Albion do. do.	1	5	0
"	"	Vaughan, Institute	1	7	6½